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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE PREMIER'S JUNE 1 PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. REGRET ADVISE TRANSCRIPT PHAM VAN DONG JUNEL PRESS
CONFERENCE NO LONGER AVAILABLE BY TIME OF RECEIPT REFTEL A.

2. REFTEL B PARA 6,7,12 REPORTED PRESS COVERAGE.

3. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM DANISH PRESS COVERAGE OF
SUBJECT PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOW.

4. POLITIKEN (LEFT OF CENTER), JUNE 2 QUOTED PHAM VAN
DONG: "THERE IS NO TRUTH TO THE RUMORS ABOUT COUNTER-
REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY NEAR HO CHI MINH CITY. VIETNAM
IS A COUNTRY OF PEOPLE WHO STICK TOGETHER, A
PATRIOTIC COUNTRY. WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER
TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION SO THAT INDUSTRY AND
AGRICULTURE MAY DEVELOP UNQUOTE.

5. ON RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, PHAM VAN DONG
SAID THAT THE PARIS NEGOTIATIONS DEALT WITH THREE ISSUES.
QUOTE OF PRIME INTEREST TO US IS THE QUESTION OF
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ARTICLE 21 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT WHICH STIPULATES THAT
THE UNITED STATES SHOULD FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS BY
CONTRIBUTING TOWARD THE REPARATION OF THE DAMAGES
IT HAS CAUSED AND TO THE RECONSTRUCTION OF VIETNAM.
THE SECOND QUESTION IS OUR OBLIGATION TO RETURN
DOWNED AMERICAN PILOTS TO THE UNITED STATES. THE
THIRD QUESTION INVOLVES THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS

BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. ALL THREE ISSUES ARE PARTS OF AN INTERRELATED WHOLE. EVERYTHING IS BEING DONE FROM BOTH SIDES TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS, AND PROVIDED THAT THERE ARE GOOD INTENTIONS, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE A GOOD SETTLEMENT. UNQUOTE.

6. ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF VIETNAM'S MEDIATING THE IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICT BETWEEN CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION; QUOTE I CANNOT SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THIS MATTER. WE ARE EQUALLY GOOD FRIENDS WITH BOTH THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA UNQUOTE.

7. DOES VIETNAM INTEND TO GRANT ARMS AID TO COMMUNIST GUERILLA MOVEMENTS IN ASIA? QUOTE CERTAINLY NOT UNQUOTE.

8. HOW IS PRINCE SIHANOUK AND WHERE IS HE AT PRESENT? QUOTE I AM NOT THE RIGHT MAN TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION UNQUOTE.

9. WHAT IS MADAME BINH CURRENTLY DOING? QUOTE SHE IS MINISTER OF EDUCATION, AND SINCE WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN WE FOUND IT APPROPRIATE TO HAVE A WOMAN IN THIS POSITION. THAT IS THE REASON SHE IS MINISTER OF EDUCATION UNQUOTE.
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10. DOES VIETNAM PLAN TO PLAY THE SAME ROLE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AS YUGOSLAVIA DOES IN EUROPE? QUOTE VIETNAM IS VIETNAM. YUGOSLAVIA IS YUGOSLAVIA UNQUOTE.

11. POLITIKEN REPORT CONCLUDES THAT PHAM VAN DONG EMPHASIZED HIS PLEASURE IN VIETNAM'S AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION WITH DENMARK, ONE OF THE LEADING COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD. QUOTE I WISH HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY FOR THE DANISH PEOPLE UNQUOTE.

12. AKTUEL (SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC) REPORT OF PRESS CONFERENCE NOTED PHAM VAN DONG EMPHASIS ON CLOSE RELATIONS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN DENMARK AND VIETNAM DURING THE WAR.

13. ACCORDING TO AKTUEL, THE VIETNAMESE PREMIER SAID THAT THE DANISH VIETNAM MOVEMENT (CO-FOUNDED BY CURRENT PREMIER ANKER JORGENSEN) QUOTE MADE A DEEP IMPRESSION ON OUR PEOPLE AND GAVE US NEW STRENGTH IN THE STRUGGLE UNQUOTE.

14. AKTEULT NOTED THE ATMOSPHERE OF GOOD WILL AT
THE PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTE THE PARTIES WERE SO DEEPLY
MOVED THAT THEY APPLAUDED ONE ANOTHER IN A FAREWELL
GESTURE. THIS IS PROBABLY NOT UNKNOWN FOR PHAM
VAN DONG BUT CERTAINLY A RARE EVENT IN COPENHAGEN
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